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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON TURKISH-IMF AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE MADE AVAILABLE BY DEPARTMENT TO
WIRE SERVICES AND INTERESTED TURKISH PRESS AFTERNOON
MARCH 24. (REGULAR NOON PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 24 WAS CAN-

CELLED DUE TO SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.)

BEGIN QUOTE:

2. THE TURKISH MINISTER OF FINANCE ANNOUNCED MARCH 23
THE SIGNING OF A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE IMF. DOES THE
DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT?

A: WE ARE PLEASED BY THE SIGNING BY TURKEY AND THE IMF OF
A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A STANDBY AGREEMENT.
SINCE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT NOW HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
IMF BOARD FOR APPROVAL, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT
ON THE AGREEMENT ITSELF. WE ARE CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT
A STANDBY AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF AND THE ECONOMIC STABIL-
IZATION MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE ECEVIT
GOVERNMENT REPRESENT IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF
TURKEY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

Q: WHAT WAS THE US ROLE IN THIS NEGOTIATION?

A: WE HAD NO DIRECT ROLE. OUR SUPPORT FOR THE IMF AS THE
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION BEST EQUIPPED TO ASSIST MEMBER
STATES WITH THEIR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IS WELL KNOWN. AS
A LONG-TERM FRIEND AND ALLY, WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY OUR SYMPATHETIC AND CONTINUING INTEREST
AND CONCERN REGARDING TURKEY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE ARE
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ENCOURAGED BY THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF TURKISH EFFORTS TO
NEGOTIATE A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE IMF AND ARE
HOPEFUL FOR THE LONG-RANGE PROSPECTS FOR THE TURKISH
ECONOMY.

Q: THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO BY THE
US AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS AGAINST TURKEY SIMILAR TO THE
ARMS EMBARGO. IS THERE OR HAS THERE BEEN SUCH AN EMBARGO?

A: THERE HAS BEEN AND IS NO AMERICAN ECONOMIC "EMBARGO"
AGAINST TURKEY. IN THE PERIOD SINCE IMPOSITION OF RESTRIC-
TIONS ON ARMS SALES AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN
FEBRUARY 1975, BOTH THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND U.S. COM-
MERCIAL BANKS HAVE ENTERED INTO MAJOR COMMITMENTS IN TURKEY.

THE DECISIONS OF THE PRIVATE BANKING COMMUNITY ARE NOT CO-
ORDINATED WITH THE USG IN ANY WAY AND ARE SIMPLY COMMERCIAL
DECISIONS BASED ON THEIR OWN PROCEDURES AND BUSINESS JUDG-
MENTS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF PLUS
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED RE-

CENTLY BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL HELP TO RESTORE CON-

FIDENCE IN THE TURKISH ECONOMY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S
ATTITUDE IS CERTAINLY POSITIVE WITH REGARD TO TURKEY'S
LONG-TERM ECONOMIC POTENTIAL. END QUOTE. VANCE

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